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Dear Allen:

Shortly after returning from Europe, I was asked by United Press International to write a short article on religion as I had observed it in Russia. I delayed doing this for two reasons; first, because of my illness and second, I did not want to make any statement or write anything that would hinder in any way the President's opportunity for improved relations with the Russian Government.

I have now had an opportunity to set down these few thoughts. Could I impose on you to read this and give me your judgment as to whether or not I should consider releasing it for publication.

Thanks kindly. I hope I am not imposing on you unduly.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

Hon. Allen W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence

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